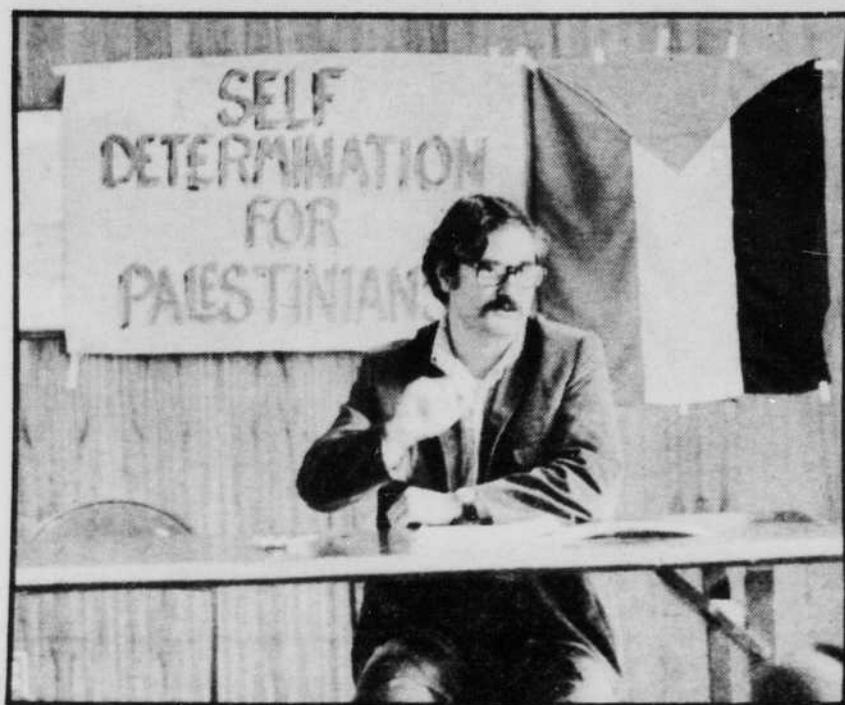


Farsoun explains PLO, predicts another war



Samih Farsoun

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Samih Farsoun, editor of the Middle East Report and Information Project and professor of sociology at American University in Washington, D.C., spoke to about 90 people in the Dad's Room of the EMU Wednesday afternoon.

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Farsoun explained the position of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in the Middle East Crisis and a perspective of the current state of affairs there. His speech was basically a history of the conflict from the Arab point of view.

He concentrated on diplomatic

moves and conditions that have surfaced throughout the conflict. The political climate favored Israel until the 1973 war which "unlocked the diplomatic impasse" which "reversed the trend and destroyed myths," according to Farsoun. He said the new impasse favors the Arab states.

The PLO gained much support after the 1967 war which has climaxed in the ability of the PLO to "outflank Egypt and Jordan and bring the Palestinian question into the international scene again."

He said the existence of the PLO

has caused somewhat of a split in the Arab world.

Farsoun predicted another war within two or three years although the "immediate prospects of war are dimmer because there is at least an illusion of diplomatic activity."

He feels the Arab states want to avert war and would like to get rid of the problem of the Palestinians because Arab governments would like to integrate themselves more with "U.S. imperialism."

He also said there have been better diplomatic moves on the Arabs' part.

When asked if the Ford Administration will handle the situation differently than Nixon's, Farsoun said he expects more "Kissinger style" negotiations. He also feels the Soviet Union can do little for a permanent settlement unless the dispute is taken to Geneva.

Following Farsoun's speech there was a question and answer period that was more like a commentary period with opposing sides clashing on the issue. The Jewish Student Union picketed the talk.

Cuts in federal education predicted

(CPS) — To those who are looking for stable or increased federal spending on education in 1976, one government budget specialist has some simple advice: "Don't."

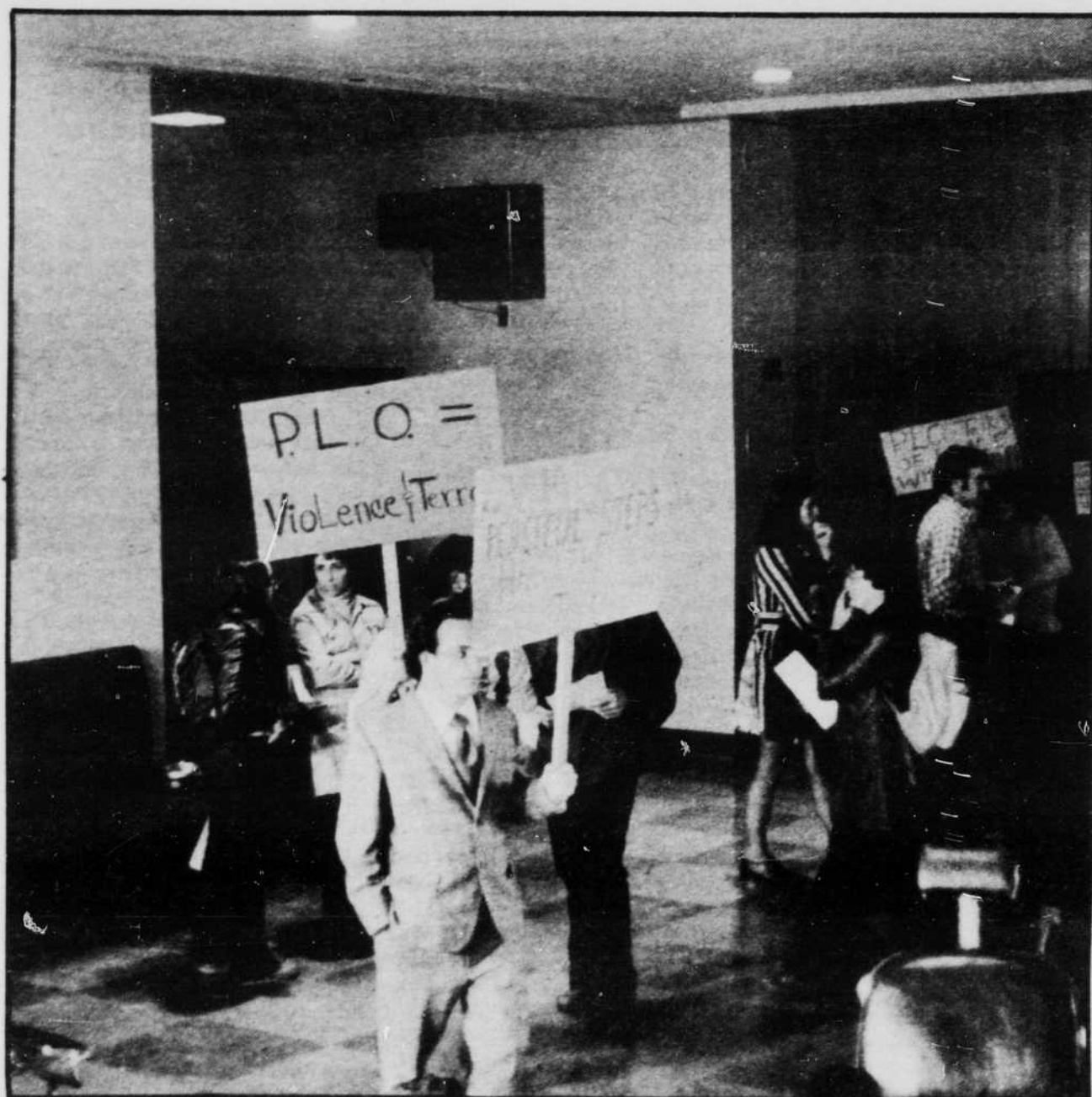
Most federal aid to education is best described as "income distribution," according to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Roy Ash, and such programs will have to be cut to achieve a balanced 1976 budget. Ash sees the alternatives to program cuts as deficit spending or higher taxes.

The OMB director differentiated "income distribution" programs like education funding from the cost of "running the government" and said, "The main role of government is no longer governing; it is redistribution of income and wealth."

Ash said the cost of such programs has doubled since 1968 while the actual operating costs of the federal government have steadily dropped. According to Ash, the Defense Department budget—an operating cost—"can't be cut anymore."

Despite Ash's warning, proponents of increased aid to higher education have pointed out that while it is the executive branch which recommends budget figures, it is Congress which does the actual appropriating.

In recent years Congress has regularly increased federal funding to higher education over the recommendations of the Nixon administration.



The Jewish Student Union picketed the speech by Samih Farsoun in the EMU Wednesday afternoon.

The Middle East Report editor described the history of the conflict from the Arab point of view.

If you don't see an ashtray then don't use a plate

As of Dec. 1, new smoking policies will go into effect in the EMU. The EMU Board headed by Jim Fitzhenry, designated specific areas in which smoking will be allowed. These areas include; the Fishbowl, the covered courtyard, the Recreation Lobby, Billiards area, the AMF bowling lanes, piano practice rooms, barber chair lounge, and all EMU office areas have the option of deciding for themselves. No smoking is allowed in the new section of the EMU. Jim Fitzhenry, chairer, stressed the fact that the board did not randomly select the smoking areas. "It was not an arbitrary decision as it may seem." The board came to its decisions by covering the EMU floor by floor, and considering the functions and location of each area. The EMU Board took action upon receiving a policy statement from University President Robert Clark, which stated that

smoking in the EMU was prohibited except in designated areas.

Upon returning from Thanksgiving vacation students will notice that signs have been posted to designate the smoking areas and all ash trays will have been removed from non-smoking sections. The EMU Board plans upon having an open forum at which concerned students may voice their ideas and opinions on the new smoking policy. The meeting will be held Dec. 4 in the EMU, room to be posted.

The Board is also planning to hold a public meeting to get possible ideas formulated about the lettuce boycott. They want to make clear their stand on the issue and submit a recommendation to Clark. Time and day to be announced.

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